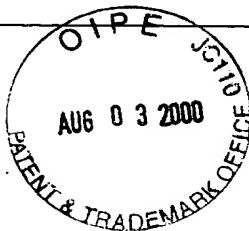


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In re application of: Li et al.

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RING IN PLASMA REACTORS

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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated May 4, 2000, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

In the ClaimsPlease **CANCEL** claims 16, 18, 20 and 26 as follows:Please **AMEND** claims 1, 17, 24, and 29 as follows:

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1. (Twice amended) A plasma processing reactor for processing a substrate comprising:
a chamber;
a top electrode configured to be coupled to a first RF power source having a first RF frequency;
a bottom electrode configured to be coupled to a second RF power source having a second RF frequency that is lower than said first RF frequency;
an insulating shroud that lines an interior of said chamber, said insulating shroud being configured to be electrically floating during said processing; and

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